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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8080

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EC, PE

SUBJ: RODRIGUEZ ATTENDANCE AT AYACUCHO STILL IN DOUBT

1. ALTHOUGH FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES TOLD DEPSEC INGERSOLL DURING THE QUITO MFM THAT PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ WOULD ATTEND THE AYACUCHO COMMEMORATIVE MEETING (QUITO 7621, NOTAL), HE FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT SUCH ATTENDANCE WAS A "DELICATE" MATTER, IN VIEW OF THE HISTORIC CONDITIONS SURROUNDING PERU-ECUADOR RELATIONS. ITS DELICACY BECOMES EVERY DAY MORE APPARENT HERE IN QUITO, WITH PALACE SPOKESMEN ADMITTING THAT RODRIGUEZ, AT THIS LATE DATE, HAS STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THE TRIP.

2. IN SPITE OF THE GOE'S EFFORTS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PERU, A GREAT RESERVOIR OF ILL-FEELING STILL EXISTS AT ALL LEVELS OF ECUADOREAN SOCIETY. RODRIGUEZ MAY WELL BE LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER AT THIS STILL-UNTAMED BEAST AS HE CONTEMPLATES BECOMING THE FIRST ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT EVER TO VISIT  
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PERU. WERE HE TO DO SO, IT COULD LEGITIMATELY BE ASKED

HOW HE COULD AVOID RAISING THE BORDER ISSUE. ECUADOR IN 1960 DENOUNCED THE RIO PROTOCOL WHICH FORMALIZED PERU'S 1941 OCCUPATION OF ALMOST HALF ITS TERRITORY. THE PRESENT GOE HAS CHOSEN TO DOWNPLAY THIS GRIEVANCE OFFICIALLY BUT IT STILL REMAINS CLOSE TO THE SURFACE, FEEDING THE HISTORIC ANIMUS OF ECUADOREANS FOR PERU. A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PERU, WITHOUT SOME GESTURE ON THE BORDER ISSUE WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE AN INTOLERABLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATUS QUO.

3. ANOTHER CONTRIBUTING FACTOR MAY BE THE CURRENT STATE OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES IN PERU. THE MEDIA HERE AND IN GUAYAQUIL HAVE GIVEN VERY PROMINENT PLAY TO RECENT PRESS SEIZURES AND DEPORTATIONS AND THE CLEARLY DRAWN COMPARISON WITH LIFE IN ECUADOR, EVEN UNDER ITS OWN MILITARY REGIME, IS HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE TO PERU. THIS GOE HAS NO INTEREST IN LENDING RESPECTABILITY TO ANY GOVERNMENT OF PERU, LEAST OF ALL ONE WHOSE CURRENT ARMS ACQUISITIONS ARE A GREAT SOURCE OF NERVOUSNESS.

4. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC "EMERGENCY" DEMANDS HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN BOGOTA. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF, IN LIGHT OF THIS, PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ ALSO BOWS OUT.  
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